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Featured on *America's Got Talent*, the extraordinary @iLuminateDance returns to the @KimmelCenter 9/21 & 9/22! Experience their electric combination of music, dance, and technology! More info @kimmelcenter.org

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**AMERICA'S GOT TALENT FINALIST iLUMINATE LIGHTS  
UP THE KIMMEL CENTER CULTURAL CAMPUS  
WITH AN ELECTRIFYING  
BLEND OF MUSIC, DANCE, AND TECHNOLOGY  
SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2018**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, July 30, 2018) – New York-based dance company and *America's Got Talent* finalist, **iLuminate**, returns to the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus for three family-friendly, electric performances at the Merriam Theater on September 21 and September 22, 2018. Known for their one-of-a-kind fusion of extraordinary lighting effects with remarkable dance moves and high-energy music, iLuminate's artists create an awe-inspiring visual performance.

"The Kimmel Center is proud to provide creative, diverse, and family-friendly entertainment for audiences of all ages. iLuminate is an exciting part of our Family Discovery Series," said Ed Cambron, Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We can't wait to experience iLuminate's unique blend of technology and performance art, sure to have all viewers up on their feet engaged, enthralled, and enjoying a great show."

iLuminate was formed in 2009 as the brainchild of Miral Kotb, a woman who sought to bring together her passions for dance and software engineering. Enhanced by the patented iLuminate technology that enables performers, choreographers, engineers, technicians, stylists, and artistic directors to produce

explosive performances with customized wireless lighting programs, the shows focus on stories of adventure and romance expressed through an array of dance styles and illusions. Dubbed “the best new act in America” following their third place win on *America’s Got Talent* in 2011, iLuminate has quickly become a household name.

iLuminate has brought their talent all over the world since they were discovered in 2011. Since then, they have had many successful runs, including a live performance in New York City’s Times Square. This exciting crew has been featured on many shows such as *Dancing with the Stars*, *The X-Factor*, *The Wendy Williams Show*, and have even performed on *Ellen*.

iLuminate is part of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Art’s Family Discovery Series, featuring returning favorites, new productions, and Broadway family-friendly performances that are exciting for both children and parents. The Family Discovery Series will feature nine shows.

Other featured upcoming performances at the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus include: **La NOCHE** (August 13, 2018, Commonwealth Plaza), and **Love Never Dies** (October 2-7, 2018, Academy of Music).

#### **iLuminate**

##### **Merriam Theater**

*September 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.*

*September 22, 2018 at 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.*

#### **Tickets:**

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$21.50. Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org), or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling 215-790-5883. See [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org) for more information.

#### **The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts**

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center’s mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region’s most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America’s Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center’s 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

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